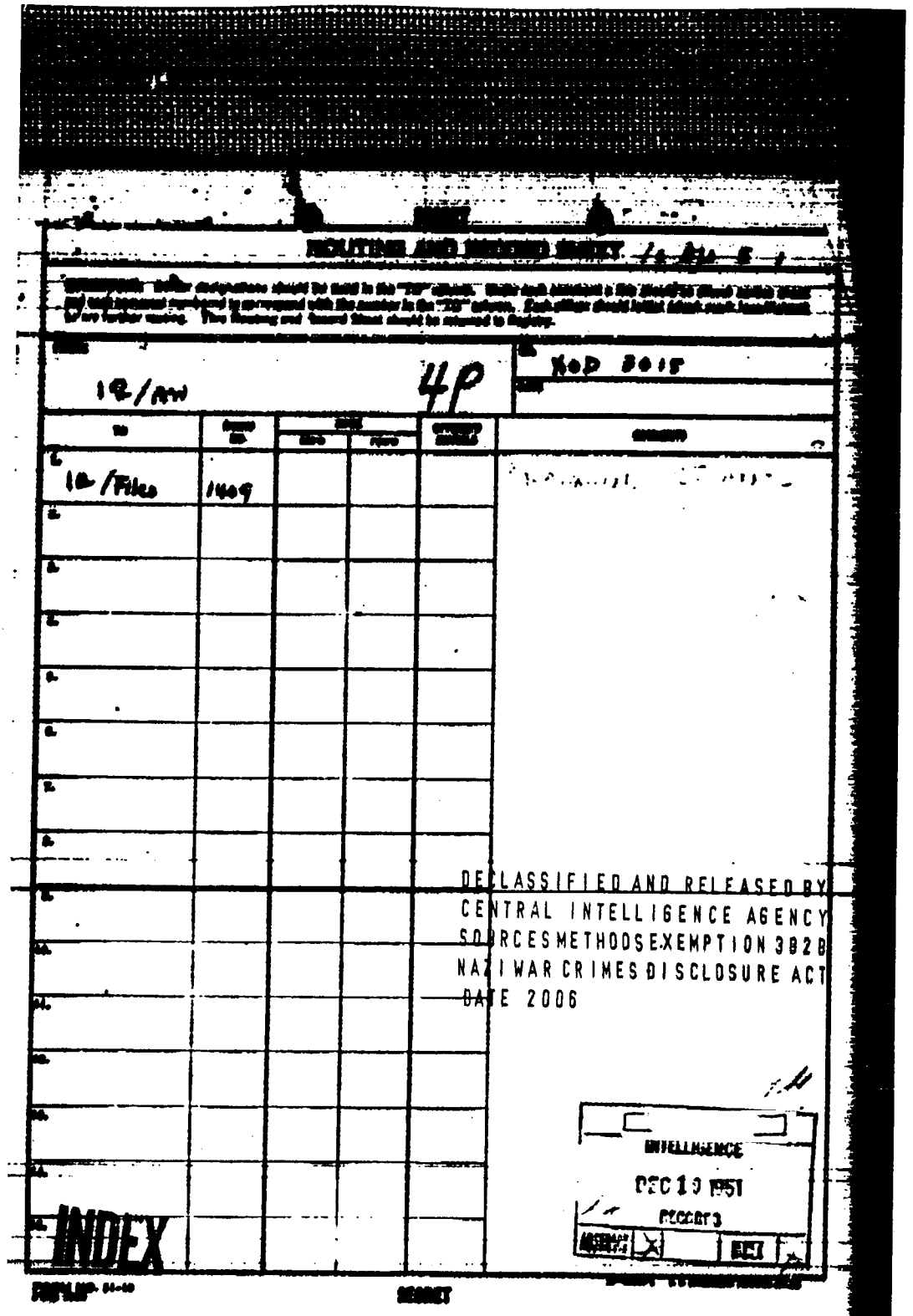


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APO 168

SUBJECT: Conversation with British Intelligence Representative on 1804 - Kaltenleutgeben

TO: Chief, Vienna Field Unit, Detachment 25

1. On 9 April 1948, [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed Mr. Leonard [redacted] of the British Intelligence Organization in his office in Block 7 of Schoenbrunn Barracks, Vienna. Subject of the conversation was our proposal to arrest and interrogate 1804, a matter which had been discussed previously with [redacted] by S/A Harry [redacted] of CIC Vienna and [redacted].

2. [redacted] gave verbally our assessment of 1804, characterizing him as a large-scale operator of intelligence with connections in many groups, some of them fabricating information. Our interest in 1804 was explained as a desire to accomplish three ends:

a. To determine the manner in which certain information on air HQ Union apparently originated in an office receiving dissemination of our A'F .3 publications and came into 1804's possession and to expose any penetration of an Allied office which might exist.

b. To expose the sources of valuable information to which 1804 apparently has access in order to utilize these sources more efficiently and economically;

c. To expose the fabricators for whom 1804 has acted as a channel in order to counteract them.

[redacted] expressed his willingness to cooperate in achieving these aims, but requested that the arrest be delayed for a fortnight until 1804 has accomplished the mission on which he is currently engaged for the British. This mission, he later stated, was to cover the move of Soviet ground units to the Hungarian-Yugoslav border area; he added that 1804 had access to a source which could provide information forty-eight hours in advance of Soviet full movements.

3. The general subject of fabrication by Soviet personnel was then discussed, and [redacted] remarked that he personally hated to be made a fool of and hated to pay money to confidence agents for valueless information.

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He recalled that it was a comparison of reports received by himself and by Major [illegible], then Chief of Operations in [illegible], which led to [illegible] in the [illegible] of [illegible], and suggested that after the fortnight period had elapsed we should make careful comparison of [illegible] information received in order to expose duplications.

[illegible]. In connection with [illegible], LAMY remarked that he hoped we would be better able to dispose of [illegible] than by letting him escape to the hospitality of the French. He asked whether we knew of [illegible] present activities and was told that [illegible] was presumably still working for the French. LAMY then stated that he supposed it was [illegible] who had gotten [illegible] steady employment with the French. [illegible] said that he was not as yet [illegible] with that situation but knew that lines ran from [illegible] in a number of directions other than to the French. He then asked LAMY whether he had ever established anything definite on the relations between [illegible] and Richard [illegible]. LAMY appeared slightly discomfited by this question and changed the subject.

[illegible]. In discussing [illegible]'s connections with [illegible] mentioned the following names or agencies:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] INTELLIGENCE

AN AUSTRIAN [illegible] (not identified, but referring to the Chancellery)

[illegible] INTELLIGENCE (as on [illegible], [illegible])

These were written down in a schematic chart which LAMY inserted in his file on [illegible].

6. LAMY affected never to have heard of [illegible]. [illegible] described him as a known fabricator of information on communist matters and as a channel through which a photograph had once been received duplicating one received from [illegible].

[illegible]

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7. LANDY stated that he knew little or nothing about [illegible], and had never heard the name from [illegible]. This was a lie, since in the previous [illegible] LANDY had mentioned [illegible]'s name first. [illegible] described [illegible] as an associate of [illegible], a former colonel, and a man [illegible] presently active in intelligence. This information, mostly false, ~~appeared to require an comment from LANDY, who must have guessed that~~ we are presuming that he [illegible] to use 1304 in the [illegible] of [illegible].

8. On [illegible], LANDY commented that he understood that the man was a respected scientist in air matters as well as a flyer and politician. It was speculated whether [illegible] might be fabricating air reports based on overt sources, or might be employing some other economical expert to fabricate.

9. At the close of the discussion LANDY stated that 1304 was being run directly from his own office, having been taken away from [illegible] some time earlier. This statement contradicted LANDY's previous statements and hints that he was not familiar with 1304's information or with the precise circumstances of his activity.

10. LANDY also commented that of the information on 1304's contacts given him by [illegible] he had previously known all except the Swiss connection and the contact to the Austrian government. It is known that LANDY did in fact know of 1304's contact with the Swiss; it may be presumed that LANDY believes the government contact to be to a military group rather than to the Chancellery.

11. It was agreed that [illegible] and LANDY would confer by telephone after two weeks and would arrange to compare information received from 1304 before continuing with his interrogation. It is suggested that after the [illegible] area is completed, 1304 be arrested and confined at the [illegible] Villa. [illegible] can then notify LANDY that we are ready to confer.

12. It must be presumed that in the intervening weeks LANDY will ~~have 1304 thoroughly debriefed on his connections with the Americans~~ and will attempt to anticipate our interrogation of 1304.

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